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SUBJ: LAW OF THE SEA: GOE POSITION ON ARTICLE 53

REF: QUITO 1316

1. DIR.SANTIAGO BENADAVA, MINISTER-COUNSELOR OF THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN QUITO AND CHILEAN DELEGATE TO LOS CONFERENCE, BRIEFED EMBOFF ON CONVERSATIONS HELD AUGUST 11 WITH ECUADORAN FONMIN REGARDING GOE'S POSITION ON ARTICLE 53 OF THE REVISED SINGLE NEGOTIATION TEXT, AND ON A REGIONAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT. HIS INFORMATION WAS BASED ON CONSULTATIONS WITH KEY OFFICIALS OF THE FONMIN.

2. THE GOE PLAN, WHICH IT IS EVIDENTLY ALREADY TRYING TO IMPLEMENT, IS TO DEVELOP A COMMON POSITION WITH THE GOVTS OF CHILE AND PERU ON ARTICLE 53. FOLLOWING DEFINITION OF A COMMON POSITION, THE GOE WANTS ECUADOR, CHILE  
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AND PERU TO CONSULT WITH CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND

COLOMBIA. ONCE THERE IS CONSENSUS AMONG THESE COUNTRIES, CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE HELD WITH THE U.S. MEXICO WAS NOT MENTIONED AS A COUNTRY FOR CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE US.

3. THE GOE IS INTERESTED IN THE POSSIBLE MEETING ON A REGIONAL FISHING AGREEMENT THAT MAY BE HELD IN MEXICO IN THE FALL. GOE OFFICIALS TOLD BENADAVA THAT ECUADOR WILL BE CONSULTING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO DEVELOP THE GREATEST CONSENSUS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO THE MEXICO MEETING.

4. COMMENT: THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CHILEAN MINISTER-COUNSELOR CONFIRMS PREVIOUS STATEMENTS OF MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO EMBOFFS THAT ECUADOR IS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A MEETING ON A REGIONAL FISHING AGREEMENT. THE GOE HAS MADE PLAIN, HOWEVER, THAT IT COULD NOT ATTEND SUCH A MEETING WERE IT TO BE HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF IATTC. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE GOE'S PLAN TO CONSULT WITH SOME PATRI-MONIALISTS MAY INDICATE THAT THE GOE MAY BE SEEKING LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE 53 WHICH WOULD ALLOW IT TO PRESERVE ITS JURIDICAL POSITION AND YET PARTICIPATE IN A REGIONAL AGREEMENT.  
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